PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Title: METHOD OF RAPIDLY GENERATING DOUBLE-STRANDED RNA AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

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Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment and the above-referenced SEQUENCE LISTING are filed to conform the above-referenced application to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821 - 1.825. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), a copy of the above-submitted SEQUENCE LISTING in ASCII computer readable form is also submitted herewith. The contents of the paper version of the SEQUENCE LISTING and the computer readable form being submitted herewith are the same and do not include new matter.

The amendments to pages 23-24 of the specification adding sequence identifiers are made to conform the above-referenced application to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(d).

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